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## **Norman J. Scheel, P.E. Named Fellow by ASCE**

**WASHINGTON, DC.** Norman J. Scheel, P.E., F.ASCE, a member of the **American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE)** since 1995 and owner of a structural engineering firm in Fair Oaks, California, was recently elected to the membership level of “Fellow” within the Society. The Fellow designation is one of the most esteemed honors that Civil Engineers can receive from their peers. Less than 5% of ASCE members hold the title Fellow.

Mr. Scheel, a graduate of the University of Texas, has owned his own structural engineering firm since 1989. With more than 26 years of experience as a structural engineer, he specializes in prefabricated wood trusses and truss metal plate connectors and is licensed as a professional civil or structural engineer in all 50 states. While serving as the chief structural engineer with Automated Building Components, he was responsible for the research and development work carried out for flat-chord floor trusses, which are now widely used as practical, cost-effective building components. Later, while working with Truss Com, he pioneered the use of prefabricated trusses to help wood frame buildings resist the lateral loads imposed by wind and seismic events. Scheel is the current president of the Structural Engineers Association of California. He was an active member of one of the code committees of the National Council of Structural Engineers Association (NCSEA) in the 1990s, and his work in developing code provisions that were subsequently incorporated into the *Uniform Building Code* has helped to give the practicing engineer a unified voice in national code development. He was also instrumental in developing the *International Building Code*, and he continues to be a voting member on the International Code Council’s structural committee. Scheel is active in ASCE’s Sacramento Section, and he has served as a regional judge in the annual steel bridge competition organized by ASCE and the American Institute of Steel Construction. His accolades include the NCSEA’s 2001 Distinguished Service Award.

In describing those who have achieved Fellow status as Mr. Scheel has, ASCE Past President Delon Hampton, Ph.D., P.E., Hon. M.ASCE, said that “the work of these prominent Civil Engineers realizes a major goal: to serve as stewards of the public infrastructure and guardians of public health and safety.”

Founded in 1852, ASCE represents more than 140,000 Civil Engineers worldwide and is America’s oldest national engineering society.

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